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**Professor Ben Colburn**

**Elected Academic Staff Member**

Ben Colburn is Professor of Political Philosophy in the School of Humanities. He has worked at Glasgow since 2010. Before his arrival he studied and worked in Cambridge.

At Glasgow Ben has taught ethics, political philosophy and the history of philosophy at all levels. He has been Head of Philosophy (2017-2020), and has served on various school-, college-, and university-level committees. He has been a member of Senate since 2020, and was elected as a Senate Assessor in 2025. In addition to his work at Glasgow Ben has been external examiner and REF consultant at various UK universities, is a trustee of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, and is secretary of the Analysis Trust.

Ben main research interests are in political philosophy and ethics, with a particular interest in the nature and value of autonomy and its importance in liberal political philosophy. He also explores how foundational philosophical ideas can be put to work in policy and practice, especially in adult education, end-of-life care, and architecture and urban design.